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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed on January 19, 2005, in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The one-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on February 19, 2005. It is respectfully submitted that this Response to Restriction Requirement is timely filed within the shortened statutory period. However, if any extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicants hereby request an extension for such additional time period and authorize the appropriate fees therefore to be charged to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

It is believed that no other fee is required in filing this Response to Restriction Requirement. However, if any fee is required, please charge the appropriate fee to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

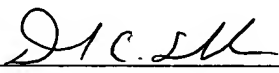
ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS

According to the Office Action, restriction among Group I (claims 1-22, drawn to a method of reducing the size of microscratches in a microelectronic device substrate, classified in class 483, subclass 3) and Group II (claims 23-28) is required.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-22, with traverse.

In view of the above election and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the foregoing is fully responsive to the outstanding Restriction Requirement. In the event that a phone conference between the Examiner and the Applicant's undersigned attorney would help resolve any issues in the application, the Examiner is invited to contact said attorney at (651) 275-9806.

Respectfully Submitted,

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